

Remarks:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed August 15, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, reexamination and allowance of claims 1-6 and new claim 19 in view of the above-noted amendments and the following remarks.

First, Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication of the prosecution of elected claims 1-7 in the present application. Accordingly, Applicant has cancelled claims 8-18.

Next, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as unpatentable over Machlica, U.S. Patent No. 5,910,353 and has rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Machlica in view of Barnes, U.S. Patent No. 6,284,344.

The Examiner has also indicated that claim 7 contains allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 and has cancelled claim 7.

Applicant has also added new claim 19. This claim is fully supported by the specification, as shown in paragraph 0013 and in FIG. 1. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this claim 19 in the application file.

Filed concurrently here with is a THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

For the reasons noted above, Applicant submits that claims 1-6 and 19 are allowable over the art of record and in condition for allowance and respectfully and earnestly solicits early indication of same.

Applicant submits that no fee is due in connection with the present AMENDMENT A. If, however, there is a fee due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0920. Should any petitions be necessary, it is respectfully requested that the present paper constitute any such necessary petition.

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Amendment A

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution and allowance of the present application, or address any outstanding formal issues, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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